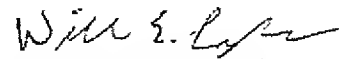


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendments prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. The present amendment amends the Abstract to delete reference numerals, and provides a new listing of the claims, with claim 24 amended to delete multiple dependencies.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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